

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**IN RE: BELLSOUTH'S ENTRY INTO LONG DISTANCE (INTERLATA) SERVICE IN
TENNESSEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 271 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ACT OF 1996**

DOCKET NO. 97-00309

PETITION TO INTERVENE

Brooks Fiber Communications of Tennessee, Inc. ("Brooks") petitions the Authority to intervene as a matter of right in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310.

Brooks is a certified provider of competitive local exchange telecommunications services pursuant to T.C.A. § 65-4-201(c). The above-captioned proceeding requires the TRA to determine whether BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) offers non-discriminatory, cost-based interconnection to competition like Brooks and whether BellSouth is otherwise eligible, under federal law, to enter the inter-LATA market in Tennessee. As a provider of both local and inter-LATA service in Tennessee, Brooks has a legal interest in the outcome of this proceeding. Granting this petition will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of these proceedings.

An order granting the petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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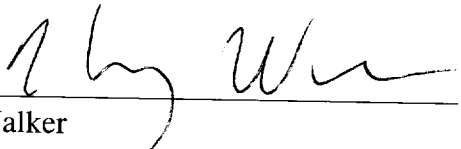
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ORDER

For good cause shown, the Authority finds that Brooks Fiber Communications of Tennessee, Inc. is entitled to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310. The petition is therefore granted.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director